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## HALIFAX ROAD LAW.

On the first page of this issue we print the Halifax county road law passed by the last General Assembly. Our readers in the county will be interested in this item, as it concerns every citizen in the county.

It will be noted that this news is exclusive with THE COMMONWEALTH and we believe our readers will appreciate the enterprise in giving it. It was secured at the expense of this paper directly from the office of Secretary of State.

## GENERAL BAKER.

The death of General Baker reminds us that the roll of the Confederate Veterans is rapidly growing less. Perhaps never in the annals of history have the surviving remnant of any army felt higher regard and deeper affection for each other than do the Confederate Veterans feel for each other, and these feelings are intensified as the numbers grow less.

The News and Observer of 12th paid the following handsome tribute to General Baker:

"In the death of General Lawrence S. Baker, which occurred at Suffolk, Va., on Monday morning last, passed from life one of the most gallant soldiers that North Carolina gave to the cause of the Confederacy, and a spirit which survived adversity in honor and gentleness to the end.

General Baker, who was a native of Gates county, and belonged to one of the oldest North Carolina families, was graduated at West Point about 1852 and became a Lieutenant of Mounted Rifles which saw active service on the frontier until, upon secession, he resigned and returned to give his service to his State. He was lieutenant colonel of the 1st North Carolina Cavalry, becoming colonel upon the promotion of Ransom, and was promoted to be general upon the field of battle at Brandy Station, where he was grievously wounded after having made a splendid fight. On account of his physical condition he was assigned to the important work of commanding the 2nd Military District of North Carolina and Southern Virginia, in which capacity he served until the close of the war, except when engaged in the hopeless task of opposing Sherman in front of Savannah.

"After the war, General Baker, although in feeble health, went to the work at which he labored through the years, independent of the aid which he might have received. He died in the peace of God, to which he was well entitled, leaving to his wife and children and the large connection which he had in Eastern North Carolina, the proud memory of a life which was lived without reproach and faced in its misfortune, without the shadow of compromise."

The Worth Bagley monument will be unveiled in Raleigh May 20th. Richard Pearson Hobson is to be the orator for this occasion.

The trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White, in New York City, after one of the hardest fought legal battles in the history of the country, resulted in a hung jury, seven for conviction and five for acquittal.

The Hendrix Democratic Club, of Evansville Indiana, has passed a resolution that inasmuch as Bryan was defeated in 1896 by the contribution of money from insurance companies, railroads and tariff protected monopolies and that since President Roosevelt knows this to be a fact he should in the interest of a square deal nominate Bryan for the presidency in 1908. A copy of the resolution was telegraphed to John Temple Graves.

## Letter to T. W. Fenner.

Scotland Neck, N. C.

Dear sir: The cheekiest fraud in all paint is paste. Here's one.

Lawyer Arley B. Magee, Dover, Del. painted his house four years ago with paste paint at a cost of \$44 for paint and \$61 for labor; total \$105. The house got shabby in two years; then he painted Devoe at very different cost: \$18 for paint and \$30 for labor; total \$48. [Paste paint \$105; Devoe \$48.]

It is like fattening hogs on milk & water. Paste paint is 3.4 whitewash.

Yours truly  
F. W. DEVOE & CO.  
E. T. Whitehead & Co. sell our paint.

# SOUTHERN COTTON ASSOCIATION.

## An Enthusiastic Meeting in Enfield Tuesday.

Great Address by Hon. E. D. Smith.

The Halifax county branch of the Southern Cotton Association held session in Enfield Tuesday 16th. There was a good representation but no routine business was transacted, the time being given to President C. C. Moore, of the North Carolina Division of the Association, and Hon. E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, general financial agent of the entire Southern Cotton Association.

Mr. Moore made one of his characteristic speeches, brimful of common sense and earnestness in the work of the Association and then presented Mr. Smith, whose address was the feature of the day.

Mr. Smith is himself a farmer and came with a message to the farmers of Halifax county—simple, logical and most powerful in every feature. Ex-Representative W. F. Parker said on the street after he had heard Mr. Smith through that it was easily the most powerful address ever heard in the town of Enfield.

Mr. Smith is fluent in speech, clear in argument, convincing in logic and eloquent in every sentence. He is a profound scholar, having spent years in colleges and universities studying Economics, or what Adam Smith called "Wealth of Nations." He has studied commercial interests of this and other countries from the viewpoint of cotton purely and simply. He has been abroad and has studied the question face to face with the great manufacturing industries there, as well as here at home. He has battled with the New York Exchange in defense of the rights and legitimate profits of the Southern cotton farmer, and is at home with any feature of the cotton question.

In his able address he declared that from observations he had made in the disappointed hopes of the toiling cotton farmers of the South, and the more heartrending disappointment in the farmers' expectant children and faithful, toil-worn wife, he has promised God not to cease his efforts until the farmers of the South come into their own and receive for cotton more nearly its true value.

It was the purpose to report the address, but Mr. Smith held his audience nearly two hours, and so there is not space to give it; and from the very first sentence the writer was so spell-bound he forgot to make a single note. And we feel sure that every man who heard the great address will excuse us for listening and taking it in rather than making notes for a report.

It is impossible to give even an analysis of the address in the space at hand. The burden of the address was a declaration to the farmer, sustained and proved by the most convincing logic, that the South has a stupendous monopoly in the staple which the world needs and must have. By apt and telling illustrations he showed how the South has been almost giving away her wealth for forty years through the depreciated price of cotton and said that the one chief reason for it is because the Southern people have not thought carefully and deeply enough about their own interest.

It was shown that the mortgaged cotton and cotton pledged in one way or another for debt is hurriedly put on the market at the first of every season, which supplies the immediate wants and needs of the manufacturers and sets the price of cotton at a low figure. The remedy for this, said Mr. Smith, is the ten million dollar stock company proposed by the Southern Cotton Association, which will enable the stock company in each county to buy what cotton is compelled to be sold and hold it in the warehouses until a better price is secured.

Mr. Smith proposed that Halifax county organize a stock company of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, which will make it easy to hold every bale of cotton in the county until prices become satisfactory, which will be very soon after the mills find that it can not be had at a low figure.

At the conclusion of Mr. Smith's great and eloquent address subscriptions were called for on the proposed ten million dollar stock company on a basis of \$5 per share. About three hundred shares were taken. A committee consisting of Mess. B. D. Mann, W. T. Whitehead and Montgomery Shields was appointed to take subscriptions in Enfield, and a similar committee will be appointed at other cotton markets in the county.

A cash collection was raised to help pay the expenses of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association, amounting to \$40, with some pledges not collected.

Mr. Smith pays his own expenses and gives his time to the work he is doing.

Fuller details will be given in next issue of this paper.

Argo Red Salmon is the fish that made Alaska valuable to the United States.

# News Afloat.

The Jamestown Exposition will open next week, April 26.

President Roosevelt has appointed Ralph W. Tyler, a negro of Columbus Ohio, Auditor of the treasury for the Navy.

Miss Jessie Ball, one of the teachers in the deaf and dumb school at Morgantown, committed suicide a few days ago by drinking carbolic acid.

A tramp at Contentnea block station, three miles from Wilson, a few nights ago attacked operator Clarence Pearson with a knife. Pearson grabbed a stick and beat his assailant until the latter became unconscious.

A station for wireless telegraphy service is being erected in Elizabeth City. It will take about six weeks to build the station, which will be one hundred and fifty feet high. At the completion of this station the Hatteras station will be discontinued.

There is a most lamentable famine in Russia. It has been given out that there are twenty millions of people in the south eastern provinces who will starve before another harvest unless aid is given them. Appeals are being made to the United States and Great Britain for help.

It is said that the North Carolina Masonic temple, which is to be erected in Raleigh will be the handsomest building in the State. It is to be constructed of reinforced cement, seven stories, fire proof throughout and is to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$125,000. The Carolina Construction Company, of Greensboro, has been awarded the contract.

Although their bodies have not been recovered, it is reasonably certain that Messrs. Lloyd Andrews, of Seven Springs, N. C., and Mr. W. C. Linley, of Powder Springs Ga., both young industrial insurance solicitors in this city, were drowned from the 19-foot launch "Star," which was found stranded on the beach below Middle Sound yesterday and in which the young men went out in the Sound gunning for marsh hens Friday morning.—Wilmington Star, April 14.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,

Lucas County

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1885.

(SEAL.) A. W. GLEASON,

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by all druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mr. B. A. Allred's 12-year old son, Grady, was run over and killed by a street car in Greensboro last Friday. Both legs and the right hand were crushed off.

Judge Uses Forceful Language.

Judge W. B. Simmons, of Fincastle, Va., told the reporter that L. & M. Paint was used on his residence in 1882, and held its color well for 21 years; he furthermore said that three years ago he was induced to use another paint and is sorry he did because the other paint didn't make good. The Judge will now always use L. & M. because he knows if any defects exist in L. & M. Paint the house will be repainted for nothing.

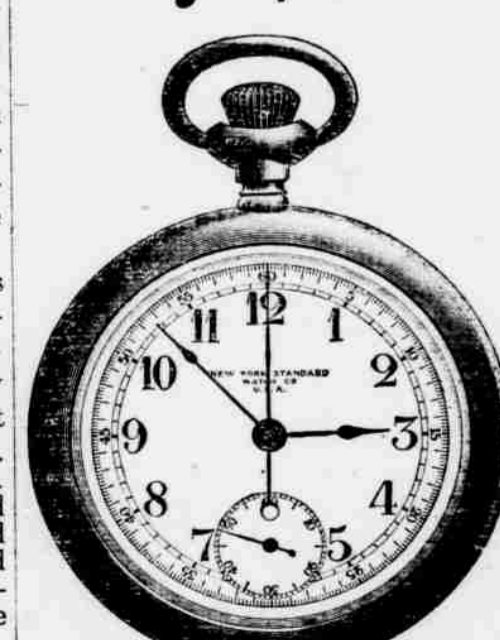
The L. & M. Zinc hardens L. & M. White Lead and makes L. & M. Paint wear like iron for 10 to 15 years.

Actual cost of L. & M. about \$1.20 per gallon.

Donations of L. & M. made by churches.

Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck N. C.

Only \$8.98.



THE best horse timer ever offered for the price. Suitable also for doctors and nurses as well. Don't forget we carry a full line of other watches, jewelry, silverware and cut glass the year round.

E. T. Whitehead & Company

H. W. MIXON, Mgr.

Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

# HEADQUARTERS FOR

# SUMMER HARDWARE!

We have just received one of the prettiest lines of Summer Lap Robes ever brought to this town. We want you to come at once and see them and you will be convinced that we have the goods right at right prices.

## REFRIGERATORS!

We sell the Leonard Cleanable, which is known to be

## The Best Refrigerator Made.

All shelves are removable and all parts can easily be taken out and cleaned. These Refrigerators require a

## Much Smaller Quantity of Ice

than most makes, which means a GREAT SAVING to the user.

## Ice Cream Freezers!

We are selling agents for

## THE "POLARIS"

which we will guarantee to

## Always Please The Buyer.

We have sold these for several years and

## All Polaris Customers

speak in the highest praise of Polaris Freezers.

We have just received another car load of the

## Celebrated Indian Rock Lime.

This Lime has no equal and few superiors.

Come and see us, as we are always glad to welcome you whether you buy or not—no trouble to show goods.

## HARDY HARDWARE CO.

"THE HARDWARE HUSTLERS"

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C.

## Land Sale for Taxes.

I shall sell to the highest bidder at the court house in Halifax on Monday, May 6, 1907, for taxes in Halifax county for the year 1907, the following lands:

PALMYRA TOWNSHIP.

Allen Mabry, Jr. 72 acres tax and cost \$7.04.  
Harry Spruill 85 acres tax and cost \$6.75.  
Crawley Spruill 25 acres tax and cost \$4.22.

SCOTLAND NECK TOWNSHIP.

Lon Wilson 1 acre tax and cost \$1.15.  
Charles Turner 40 acres tax and cost \$2.87.  
C. C. Baker 12 acres tax and cost \$2.20.  
J. W. Clark 1 town lot tax and cost \$6.43.  
Weldon C. Smith 3-4 town lot tax and cost \$3.55.

CONOCONARA TOWNSHIP.

John Epps 30 acres residence tax and cost \$5.40.  
Gae Tillery 1 acre Pope land tax and cost \$4.70.  
Cornelius Howard 60 acres tax and cost \$7.74.  
Malisin Alston 60 acres tax and cost \$1.80.  
W. B. Harris 51 acres Harris land tax and cost \$2.99.  
F. A. Fitzpatrick 133 acres tax and cost \$3.79.

C. W. DUNN,  
Tax Collector.  
4-4-4t.

## Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Halifax county, rendered on the fifth day of March, 1907, in the cause entitled A. L. Pope, Mrs. Clara Pope and others, Ex Parte, the same being a proceeding to sell land for partition, we will sell the below described tract of land, for cash, at public auction, to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Halifax at 12 o'clock on the sixth day of May, 1907, it being the first Monday in May.

That tract of land in Conoconara township, Halifax county, North Carolina, and known as the "Fannie Pope" land, containing three hundred and sixty-five acres more or less, and bounded by the lands of V. W. Land, Kelly Weeks, J. E. Fitzpatrick, J. J. Barnes, The North Carolina Lumber Company, and others.

This tract of land will be cut up into six shares, and will be sold according to the survey of said shares, which survey and plot will be exhibited at Court House on day of sale. This 22nd day of March, 1907.

J. H. KERR,  
A. P. KITCHIN,  
Commissioners.

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## Cotton Seed!

"Best in the World."

\$2 PER BUSHEL.

## Makes 3 Bales Acre

Will not sell more than two bushels to one person. Experiment Stations given one bushel free to report results.

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Hands leave other fields to pick "Best in the World," for sixty bolls make a pound.

Try it, and if not satisfied money refunded.

## W. H. JOSEY,

Scotland Neck, N. C.

## Notice.

By virtue of power vested in W. A. Dunn, by a certain deed of trust duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Halifax county N. C., in Book 145, at page 288, to which reference is made, and by virtue of power vested in me by the law as executor of the said W. A. Dunn, now deceased, I will on the 4th day of May, 1907, sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., the following described real estate, to-wit: That tract, or parcel of land in the town of Scotland Neck N. C., on which T. H. Pritchard formerly resided, beginning on Main street of said town, at the old J. R. Ballard line, thence along said Ballard line in a westerly course to the late W. H. Shields line, thence in a northwesterly direction along the Shields line to a lane, formerly the corner of the Shields land and the Gilliam land, thence in an easterly direction along said lane and the Shields land to Mrs. M. H. Smith's line, a corner, thence along said Smith's line, a southwest-erly course, seventy seven yards, thence in an easterly course along said Smith's line to Main street, thence down Main street, to the beginning, containing ten acres more or less.

This 4th day of April, 1907.

NOAH BIGGS,  
Executor of W. A. Dunn.

4-11-4t

## A. C. L. RAILROAD COMPANY

### PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 6th, 1907.

TRAIN SERVICE:—Inauguration New Train Service (Nos. 73 and 72) between Weldon and Kinston, N. C.

To Agents in North Carolina:

Effective April 8th, 1907, new train service will be inaugurated between Weldon and Kinston, N. C., trains Nos. 73 and 72 on the following schedule:

No. 73 Daily Except Sunday	Ar.	No. 72 Daily Except Sunday	Ar.
8:25 A M	Weldon	7:00 P M	Weldon
8:40 "	Halifax	7:15 "	Halifax
9:08 "	Tillery	6:51 "	Tillery
9:18 "	Spring Hill	6:40 "	Spring Hill
9:33 "	Scotland Neck	6:20 "	Scotland Neck
10:02 "	Holgood	6:10 "	Holgood
10:18 "	Oak City	5:48 "	Oak City
10:50 "	Parnelle	5:20 "	Parnelle
11:17 "	House	4:32 "	House
11:25 "	Greenville	4:21 "	Greenville
11:39 "	Winterville	4:10 "	Winterville
11:49 "	Ayden	4:01 "	Ayden
12:07 P M	Grafton		Grafton
12:20 "	Grafton	3:30 "	Grafton
12:35 "	Kinston	3:15 "	Kinston

Train No. 73 will afford connection at Holgood with No. 90 for Norfolk and intermediate points, at Parnelle with train No. 56 for Plymouth, and at Weldon with train No. 57 for Washington and intermediate points. Train No. 72 will afford connection at Parnelle with train No. 64 for Plymouth, No. 70 for Washington, and No. 57 for Tarboro and intermediate points. Effective same date trains Nos. 56 and 57 will be operated between Tarboro and Plymouth instead of between Tarboro and Kinston as previously. Schedule as follows:

No. 56 Daily Except Sunday	Ar.	No. 57 Daily Except Sunday	Ar.
10:00 A M	Tarboro	6:00 P M	Tarboro
10:21 "	Conetoe	5:41 "	Conetoe
10:32 "	Bethel	5:28 "	Bethel
10:55 "	Parnelle	5:20 "	Parnelle
11:03 "	Robersonville	4:57 "	Robersonville
11:14 "	Exoret	4:45 "	Exoret
11:30 "	Williamston	4:30 "	Williamston
11:57 "	Jamestown	4:04 "	Jamestown
12:25 P M	Plymouth	3:35 "	Plymouth

Approved: W. J. CRAIG, Pass. Traffic Mgr.

T. C. WHITE, Gen. Pass. Agt.

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